

DOES death end all?
Does earth complete
the story?
Is there no sequel to
life's broken tale?
Sound, there, no call,
Fraught with the
hope of glory,
From out the gloomy
shadows of the vale?

No!—death is life,
And parting is but meeting
Beyond the cloud and shadowing the grave.
No!—death is life
And, as earth's years are fleeting,
We grasp the immortality we crave.

The empty tomb—
Blest proof-herb of glory—
Atriquished by the great all-conquering One;
Its scattered gloom
Confirms inspired story:
We see the gem of being just begun.
—Rev. J. Heston Bomberger, is N. Y. Observer.

THEE, THOU ART BY

The Story of His Thankfulness—A Good Easter Lesson.



glided from the ringing, trumpet-like words of the song into the meaningless syllables with which the tune was continued. But the descent, would not have brought a shock to the most sensitive and pious ear. The fullness of his heart spoke in one as in the other. The words were almost

He could endure poverty, rage and want. The iron hail of misfortune could not scare him. But the sufferings of his handiwork struck a chord of woe, sometimes, even from his blissfully attuned nerves. Worst of all, it seemed very likely that they would not have so much as a shelter for their heads in the summer that was coming. He had been unable to pay the rent of the cottage and truck-patch, and had received notice that if the amount due was not paid in the first of May, the place would be given to another. And to pay it, he would have to go to the money-lender, a man, in his present financial distress, an utter impossibility.

In his momentary despair he had begged for time, but the landlord would not re-

"AND I CAN HAVE THEM FOR EASTER."

prattle; but his was a tremulous voice, and the child did not notice the maddened quaver. Mingled with the recollection of the words of the landlady was the memory of the request of his dying father, who, six years before, had confided him, first-born, to his care.

"I leave, Elber, to you, father, for I know you will never let her suffer: while you live, never will, so help me!" was his first response, as he pressed the dying father's hand to his heart that desolate, crushing grief.

"Now, if I have the eggs for Easter, I'll be 'p'nt'!" questioned Elber, eagerly, as the landman deposited her on the little porch.

"I, please, mayn't I! There'll be jes' a little more!"

Elber had been thinking that the eggs would furnish a welcome addition to their Easter fare, either poached or exchanged

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" 'Tis not a war of flesh and blood;
 'Tis fight for Heaven: I fight for God;
 A next door, with my rights in;
 O, yes, the war is for the rights of men."

The next day he visited the wood lot, and on his return found the saffasfras roots up with his load of sticks.

" 'Twas a good idea," he cried, cheerfully, as he deposited the burden in the back yard. "The saffasfras 'll do the coloring 'n' the next day. I've been wishin' for 'em the whole winter, 'n' never out thought of 'em saffasfras!"

" 'Twas the Easter eggs, gran'pa!" Ethel explained, solemnly. "It must 'a' been."

"I dono but you're right, I dono but you're right," he assented, rather struck with the idea. "All things work for good to them that love. I dono but I dono but you air. We'll believe so anyhow."

He bustled about quite briskly after that, preparing their simple meal; while the tea-pot sang merrily, as the fragrant steam

It was not successful; but he continued to tread, regardless of his aches and pains and falling strength.

The only one of the family if the executioner was allowed that somewhat prosaically in a business way was Spock, suffering day her transparent ache re-sounded from the little chicken-house, where, in an odd, straw-filled shed she had chosen her nest.

At the first note Ethel would bound down the doorway, and a white, shabby hand would quickly extract the treasure from its resting-place. Spock always eyed the performance askance; but she evidently resented this violation of her nest as the inevitable fate of the egg-laying sisterhood. At any rate, she never changed its location,

"My dear grandmother and an angel, sup-
 posed I were to die to-morrow, would be Easter-
 day when the whole earth should be filled
 with cheer and gladness!"
 He fairly reeled as he passed into the
 street, but when Ethel came running to
 meet him, he straightened up with a great
 effort and carried her in his accustomed
 arms.
 "I dread the announcement which an-
 nex would come."
 "Grandpa, Speck's last another egg!" he
 laughed. "I've got a dozen for to-morrow. A
 whole, big dozen!"
 "I suppose one of 'em wouldn't do for ye."
 "No, indeed!" he asked, rising to speak more
 cheerfully.
 She looked up at him.
 "Why, you ain't a friend to sell 'em, gran-
 pa?"
 "Well, I low I done what *you* do! It's
 's'pose, as you say, though, Ethel. Fact is, I
 ain't g'at any work, how's ever much I try

“We eat up the las’ bit o’ vittles at noon. Drozen aigs ain’t much; but they’d git a las’ o’ meal an’ a bit o’ bacon—’nough ebbles to last a day or two.”

His chin quivered as he made the pitiful confession and a big tear rolled down each furrowed cheek.

“Ethel was only a child and could not

Thus aroused, Towsley put the iron kettle on the stove, placed water in it, a sufficient quantity of sassafras root, and, at the proper time, the egg. He moved about silently though, as if a great calamity impended, or had already befallen him.

While the coloring process went on, he took Ethel upon his knee and poured out his heart to her, as if he were only another child.

It was a touching scene, and there were witnesses to it unwitting, unintentional witnesses.

The husband had come quietly into the little room with a gentleman whom he was showing over the place with a view to its sale.

The words of Ethel and Tom Towsley came to them through the half open window, and were of such a character that they were forced into quietness.

As the glad bells rang out joyous y Ethel hurried on her clothing, with a few assisting hitches here and there from her grandfather, then took up her solitary Easter egg and ran out upon the porch.

The sight that greeted her drew shouts of rapture from her lips, and brought Tom tumbling from the room in perilous haste.

There, in a dainty, parti-colored basket, were a dozen Easter eggs, reflecting all the **hues of the rainbow**. And there were other things, too, of a more substantial character. A bag of flour and one of meal, together with meat and potatoes and other necessities, were almost as numerous.

It seemed too good to be true, and Ethel had to put and cross those wonderful eggs again and again to assure herself that she

Easter Egg Parties.

Have you ever attended an Easter egg party? No? Then you are unacquainted with one of the most delightful of social enjoyments peculiar to this season. For a party of young people the hostess has prepared a large basketful of beautifully dyed and decorated eggs, from which each young person present is to draw one and is asked to guess the evening through the correspondence of the eggs. Not until midnight are the shells opened, when much interest and amusement is manifested over the results and the souvenirs found within.

Many artistic souvenirs can be prepared by an arrangement of pressed flowers and grasses upon plain, red-edge cards. Fanciful designs may be made up in which the flowers are faded, they may be restored to their original color by the touch of the paint brush. Such cards are considered to have original use now than either the painted or printed ones.

M. Huddleston, in St. Louis Magazine.

AN ardent pig fancier contends that the raising of pork, if properly conducted upon the farm, will lift the mortgage or raise the bank account more rapidly than any other farm stock.

THERE will be no danger of a variety of potatoes "running out" if the best tubers are saved for seed every year. Every one who plants potatoes can improve the crop.

As they draw moisture from the atmosphere.

An exchange condemns the practice of taking leaves and leaf-mold for the manure pile from forests designed for permanent woodlots. The lateral roots of trees, it says, are near the surface, and the removal of their natural mulch and nutriment exposes them to the vicissitudes of the weather and decay caused by insects.

Even in the garden and small fruits it is easily possible to undertake to do too much, and, as with other farm work, it is better to undertake only what can be done thoroughly, rather than to spread out too much and make more or less of a failure all around. Especially in these two places is thorough work demanded.

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Something You Should Know.

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Many of our readers have often asked "What is Bright's disease of the Kidneys, about which we hear so much?" To answer their question we have secured the following explanatory article, written by a competent physician.

One of the worst physical scourges of the world to-day—notably in England, Germany, America and Australia—is Kidney disease. A alarmingly large proportion of the population of these countries is afflicted with it, in one form or another.

The symptoms of Bright's Disease (which is but an advanced form of Kidney Disease) differ in different individuals, but generally the patient complains of aching in the back, is drowsy and easily fatigued, has pain in the back, vomiting and febrile disturbance. Deep-sea, varying in degree from slight puffiness of the face to an accumulation of the fluid sufficient to swell the whole body, and to occasion serious embarrassment to respiration, is a very common accompaniment. The urine is reduced in quantity, is

The causes of this terrible malady are, undoubtedly, the most various, such as a heavy, cold, strong drink, high living, indigestion, exposure to wet and cold, various kinds of fevers, malaria, pregnancy, and other bodily derangements, such as a complication of certain acute diseases, like erysipelas, diphtheria, and especially scarlet fever, of which the disease is most frequent, and which arises after effects, diseases of the lungs, and other serofulous affections. The kidneys being the most important excretory organs of the body, their derangement may speedily destroy life.

Common sense treatment of Kidney Disease of the character referred to necessarily involves removal of the causes, rectification of other secretions, and increased

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CATTLE—Native steers.....	3 45	5 15
CATTLE—Middling.....	4 45	5 25
CATTLE—Winter Wheat.....	4 45	5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	80 1/2	87 1/2
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CHEEP—XX to Choice.....	3 75	4 10
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter.....	80 1/2	87 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Mixed.....	29 1/2	30 1/2
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WHEAT—No. 2.....	41 1/2	42 1/2
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WHEAT—Choice Timothy.....	2 00	11 50
WHEAT—Winter Choice Dairy.....	2 00	22 1/2
WHEAT—Winter Choice.....	2 00	22 1/2
WHEAT—Standard Mess (New).....	12 1/2	14 1/2
WHEAT—Clean Rib.....	6 1/2	7 1/2

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One's evil-doing is almost sure to bring sorrow and suffering to others; but there is no sad result from evil doing to be compared with that which comes to the evil-doer himself. While we shrink from sin, let us think tenderly and regretfully of the wretched one who must bear the heaviest burden of his own sinning.—S. S. Times.

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